

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 • 1:15 p.m. • Utah Center for Assistive
Technology, Judy Ann Buffmire Building, 1595 West 500 South, SLC, Utah

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Brian Zehnder
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

Staff Present:

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM. He excused Sen. Van Tassell, Rep. Hawkes, and Rep. Seegmiller from the meeting.

2 . Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report 2018

[3a-Social Services - Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report](#)

[3b-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report](#)

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), presented the report to the committee.

Rep. Thurston asked clarifying questions. Mr. Frandsen said he would follow up with the Division of Aging and Adult Services and get back to Rep. Thurston with the answers.

Mr. Frandsen continued with his presentation.

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question and Mr. Frandsen responded.

Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, continued with the budget presentation.

Rep. Edwards made a comment on H.B. 36 - Affordable Housing.

Rep. Redd asked several clarifying questions.

Mr. Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent, State Hospital, and Mr. Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Health (DOH), responded.

Mr. Frandsen provided additional information.

Ms. Oritt presented the report on S.B. 194.

Mr. Frandsen continued with his presentation.

Ms. Oritt presented the report on H.B. 168.

Rep. Thurston asked clarifying questions about TANF funds.

Mr. Nathan Harrison, Director of Finance, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), responded.

Chair Ray invited Mr. Frandsen to explain a possible motion to be made.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee approve all of the recommendations affecting the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Workforce Services contained in the Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report (pages 9, 27 through 37, and 75). Further, the Subcommittee adds (1) \$200,000 one-time for H.B. 36, Affordable Housing Amendments from the 2017 General Session and (2) surplus funds from Jail-Based Forensic Competency Restoration to a future list of budget reduction options.

MOTION: Rep. Edwards moved to remove two items from the original motion: from page 29, the 2015 Nurse Family Partnership; from page 32, 2017 H.B. 36 - Affordable Housing.

Rep. Thurston spoke in opposition to the substitute motion.

Chair Ray also spoke in opposition to the substitute motion.

Rep. Edwards' substitute motion passed with a vote of 5 - 4 - 8 .

Yeas-5

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. R. Edwards
Rep. E. Redd
Sen. T. Weiler
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

Absent-8

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Sen. K. Van Tassell

3 . DWS Budget Structure and Grant Management Software

Mr. Harrison presented the budget and explained the programs of DWS to the committee.

Rep. Ward asked when Mr. Harrison will check back with the committee on the next step forward. Mr. Harrison responded.

4 . Follow-Up on Audit Recommendations for The Road Home/Shelter the Homeless

Mr. Matt Minkevitch, Executive Director, The Road Home, and Mr. Preston Cochrane, Executive Director, Shelter the Homeless, presented an overview of efforts to address audit concerns.

[7a-Response to TRH Audit from STH - 8-14-2018](#)

[7b1-Response to TRH Audit from TRH 1 of 3 - 8-14-2018](#)

[7b2-Response to TRH Audit from TRH 2 of 3 - 8-14-2018](#)

[7b3-Response to TRH Audit from TRH 3 of 3 - 8-14-2018](#)

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked follow-up questions. Mr. Minkevitch and Mr. Cochrane responded.

Chair Ray added information about methods of appraising real estate property.

Mr. Jonathan Hardy, Director, Housing and Community Development Division, DWS, provided information on the department's decision making process.

5 . Evidence-Based Interventions for Intergenerational Poverty

[5a-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Evidence-Based Interventions to Address Intergenerational Poverty](#)

Ms. Oritt presented the Issue Brief to the committee.

Rep. Redd commented on legislative action to address intergenerational poverty.

Ms. Kathy Bounous, General Counsel, DWS, added information.

6 . Evidence-Based Interventions for Homelessness

[6a-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Evidence-Based Interventions to Address Homelessness](#)

Ms. Oritt presented the Issue Brief to the committee.

Rep. Redd asked for evidence-based effects of permanent supportive housing. Mr. Hardy responded.

Ms. Oritt continued with her presentation.

Rep. Ward asked clarifying questions about the waiting list for housing. Mr. Hardy responded.

Ms. Oritt continued with her presentation.

Rep. Redd complimented the State Hospital for the services they provide.

Rep. Ward asked clarifying questions and Mr. Hardy responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked for an update on the utilization of waivers. Mr. Hardy responded.

Rep. Redd asked about eligibility of different at-risk populations for housing. Mr. Hardy responded.

Mr. Frandsen provided information on the Issue Brief.

[8a-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Medicaid Spending Statewide](#)

Rep. Thurston asked for clarification on assessments of facilities.

Ms. Emma Chacon, Director of Medicaid Operations, DOH, provided a response.

[8c2-Public Health Accreditation 8-14-2018](#)

[8c3-The Seven Steps of Public Health Department Accreditation](#)

Mr. Marc Babitz, Deputy Director, DOH, explained the accreditation of the DOH by the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Chair Ray asked what are the advantages and costs of being nationally accredited. Dr. Babitz responded.

Rep. Thurston asked for more information regarding the accreditation board. Dr. Babitz responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck expressed her expectations of the value of accreditation on outcomes.

[8d-Report to SS Approps Regarding PEHP Opioid Interventions - 8-2018](#)

Ms. Chacon provided a follow-up report to the October 2017 report to the committee.

Rep. Ward asked clarifying questions regarding Medicaid fees paid for services. Ms. Chacon responded.

Chair Ray asked for further clarification and Ms. Chacon responded.

7 . Tour

Ms. Sarah Brenna, Director, State Office of Rehabilitation, DWS, introduced Mr. Mike Wollenzien, Program Administrator, Specialized Services, and Director, Utah Center for Assistive Technology UCAT).

Mr. Wollenzien discussed the tour and the services provided by the UCAT.

Chair Ray thanked the committee and speakers for their participation. He also thanked UCAT for the use of their facilities.

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7 .

Yeas-10

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Nays-0

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Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 3:59 PM.